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PATENT  
Docket No. GC507-2

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )

Becker et al. )

Serial No. 09/215,095 )

Filed: December 18, 1998 )

For: Matrix Granule )

Group Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: Borin, M.

REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTALCommissioner for Patents  
Box RCE  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F. R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 21, 2002.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_


3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F. R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F. R. § 1.136 § 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 23, 2002

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